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## Chief of Signal Sends: Training Battle Command Systems Today



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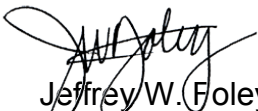
Today, with the great help from PEO C3T, we established a unique, world-class digital TOC training network and environment at Fort Gordon, where we now train officers, warrant officers and NCOs on systems integration tasks in a realistic brigade/battalion command post environment. Training is conducted with the latest SICPs shelters, the complete ABCS suites including CPOF, and many of the transport systems found in today's units.

Our partnership with PM Command Posts, PM Battle Command, PM Tactical Operations Centers, PM Mobile Electric Power, PM Force Battle Command Brigade and Below and other PEOs, Army Training and Doctrine Command capability managers, and industry has institutionalized the environment created during Operation TOCFEST 2008 and enhanced it to provide multi-echelon training for signaleers in a unique, standing, tactical-network-enabled command post here at Fort Gordon.

This teaming serves multiple purposes for our contributing partners: it enables an ongoing, validated engineering study of the tactical command post as a total entity [hardware, software and Soldiers]; it influences how command post will be institutionally described and trained; it provides an opportunity to examine TOC environments over an extended period of time; it provides a completely integrated bundle of C4ISR technologies that PMs and the SIGCEN can use to experiment with system-of-systems integration; it provides a baseline from which system engineers can develop training tools for Soldiers; and it facilitates signal operational tests and training events.

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Way Ahead: Most significantly it will enable us to conduct fully integrated capstone exercises, where officers, NCOs and Soldiers integrate battle command and networking capabilities side by side as they would operate in an actual command post.



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